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# BLACKJACK

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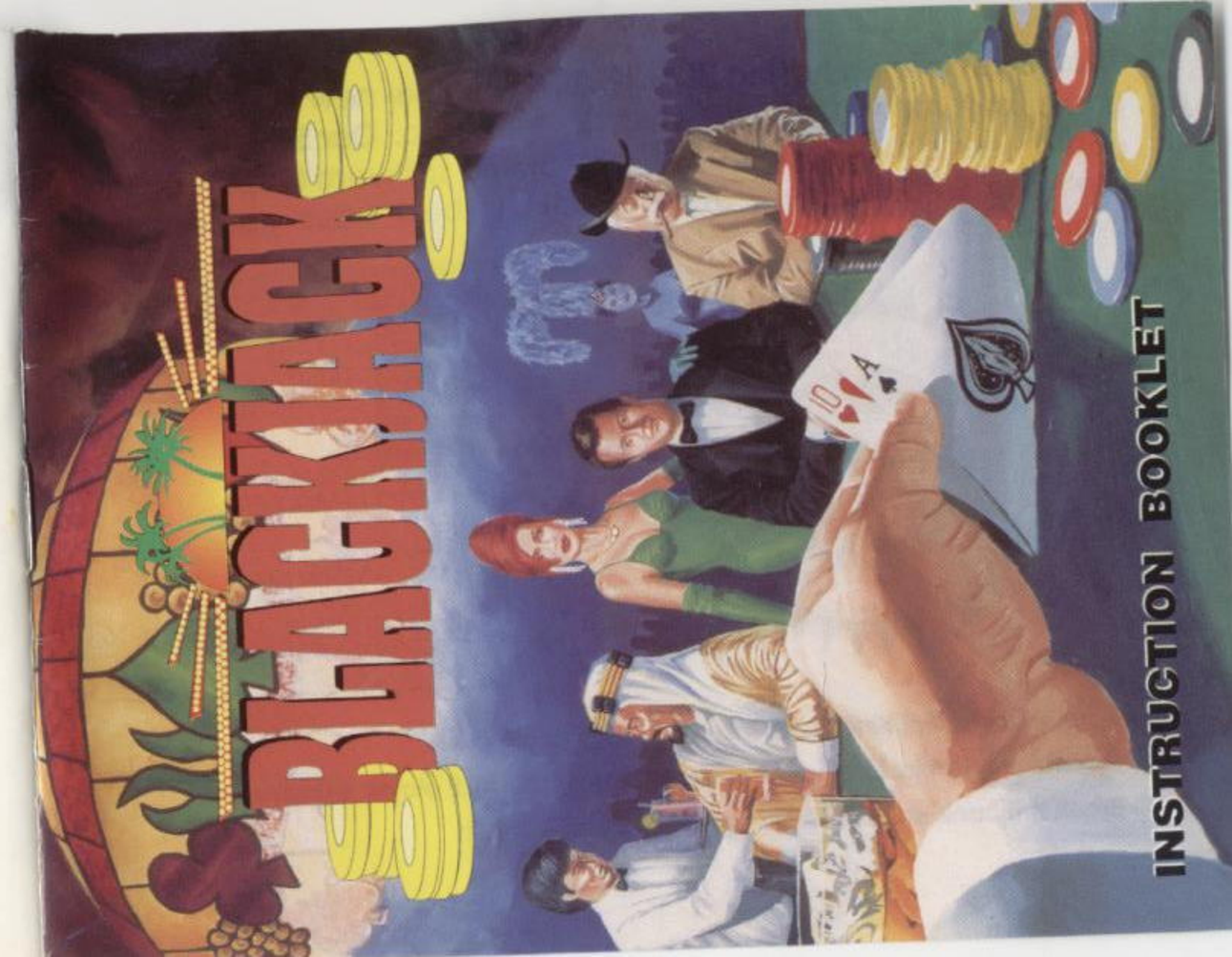

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- ♠ Entertaining family fun that features SINGLE or DOUBLE player enjoyment!
- ♠ Break the bank on table limits up to $10,000.00!

# BLACKJACK

From the bright lights of Las Vegas to the warm sands of Monaco there is one card game that has been the passion of more gamblers than any other - BLACKJACK! Get ready to experience this great game, as you alone or simultaneously with a friend take on a digital dealer in the ultimate game of chance. This game is so enchanting you'll wish there were more than 24 hours in a day.

Every gambler knows BLACKJACK is all about skill, memory, and knowing when its time to play or fold your hand. You and your partner (in two player mode) try to draw A BLACKJACK, cards totaling 21, or getting closer to 21 than the dealer, without going over 21 (a bust). Try to win enough money to keep playing and beat the odds. The ultimate goal is to "Break the Bank" by exceeding the tables limit. The first player to "Break the Bank" wins the game.

The cards are dealt from a dealing shoe, which in this version of Blackjack can contain 1, 3 or 5 decks of cards. The more decks in the shoe, the harder it is for a skilled player to remember cards that have been played. To gain an advantage some players try to remember the cards as they are dealt, so they can more accurately guess what the Dealer's face down card is. This is called counting cards and is against most gambling establishment rules.

BLACKJACK is easy to play. Each player is dealt two cards face up. The Dealer gets two cards, one face up and one face down. The object is to try to get a BLACKJACK, 21 points, or closer to 21 points than the dealer, without going over 21 (busting). If the player busts, then the dealer wins and the player loses the bet. Cards 2 through 9 count at their face value. Picture cards are worth 10 points. Aces count as either 1 or 11 whichever is to the players advantage. For example an Ace and 8 could be worth 9 or 19. A BLACKJACK is an Ace and a 10 point card (two cards only).



If the player and the dealer both get a BLACKJACK the hand is a tie (Push). If only the player gets a BLACKJACK, the dealer will immediately pay the player one and one-half times the bet.

If neither has a BLACKJACK, the player may decide to "STAND" (draw no more cards), or "HIT" (draw more cards). If the card points go over 21, the player loses. If the player draws a total closer to 21 than the Dealer, but not over 21, the player wins one times the bet. The DEALER must HIT on 16 and STAND on 17.

If the player's hand and the Dealer's hand have the same totals, it is a PUSH. Neither wins and the bet is returned. If the total is less than the Dealer, the player loses the bet.

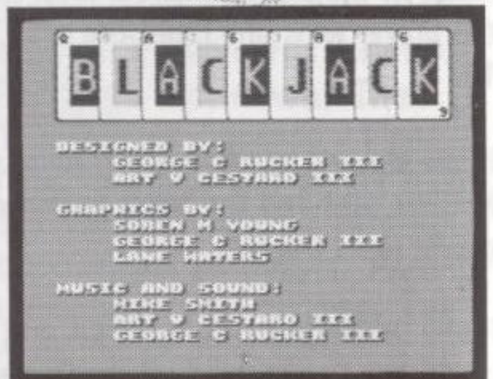
If the Dealer has a BLACKJACK and the player draws 21 with more than 2 cards, the Dealer wins. If the Dealer goes over 21, the player will win one times the bet.

**Make sure the power switch on your control deck is turned off.**

**Insert the BLACKJACK cartridge into your NES console, carefully following the power up instructions in your NES™ user manual.**

**If the screen flashes on and off, game screen looks garbled or the game will not play see page 13.**

# From the title screen press START to begin a game.



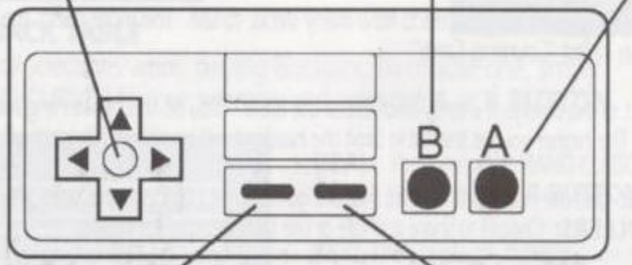

TITLE SCREEN



**DIRECTION PAD**
From the Set-up screen use the Direction Pad to chose your game options. From the game screen use the Direction Pad to move the HAND CURSOR.

**B BUTTON**
Press the B Button to select your next play option.

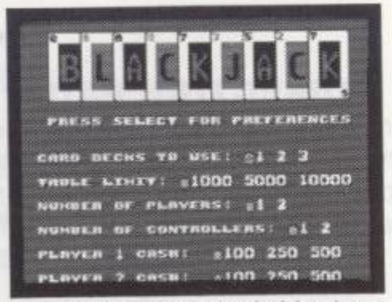
**A BUTTON**
The A Button works the same as the B Button.




**SELECT**
Pressing SELECT from the GAME SET-UP or PREFERENCE screens will switch between them.

**START**
Press START to begin a new game. Press START then SELECT to exit the present game.

**After pressing START, the GAME SET-UP SCREEN will be displayed. You can choose the number of players and how the game is played at this time. Use the DIRECTION PAD to make your choices.**




**CARD DECKS TO USE:** This option lets you selects how many decks to use. The more decks, the harder it is to keep track of the cards played, which is called "Counting Cards".

**TABLE LIMIT:** The object of this Blackjack is to try and "Break the Bank". You do this by winning more money than the table has (called the Table Limit). The higher you set the Table Limit the harder it will be able to "Break the Bank".

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** Sets the number of players that are going to be playing at the same time.
**NUMBER OF CONTROLLERS:** Choose to share a single or use two separate controllers.

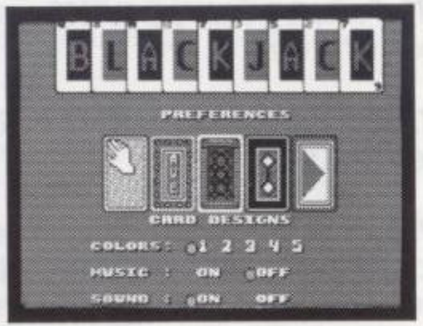
**PLAYER 1 CASH:** This is the amount of cash that PLAYER 1 starts with. The more you start with the easier it will be to "Break the Bank".
**PLAYER 2 CASH:** This is the amount of cash that PLAYER 2 starts with.

**PRESS START TO BEGIN**: Press the **START** button on Controller 1 to begin playing the game. You can make changes to the way the game looks and sounds from the PREFERENCES menu. The PREFERENCES menu appears when you press the **SELECT** button on Controller 1.



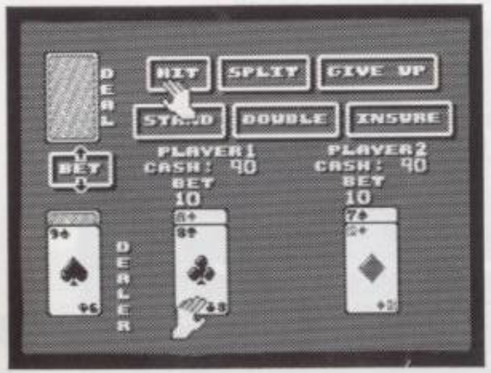
**CARD DESIGNS:** Choose your favorite design for the back of the cards.
**COLORS:** Pick from 5 different color combinations. Some color combinations may be easier to see than others.
**MUSIC:** Turns the background music ON or OFF.
**SOUND:** Turns sound effects during game play ON or Off.

Press **START** to begin the game. Press **SELECT** to return to the **GAME SET-UP** screen.




## THE BLACKJACK TABLE

There are several selections when playing Blackjack. To choose one, simply move the HAND CURSOR to your selection and press the **A** or **B BUTTON**.




**DEAL:** Positioning the HAND CURSOR on the DEAL button. Pressing either the **A or B BUTTON** starts the deal.

**BET:** The player can increase or decrease the bet. The minimum bet is $10.00. If his/her cash falls below this amount the player will have to leave the table. To increase the bet position the HAND CURSOR on the up arrow on the bet button. To decrease the bet press the down arrow.

Pressing the **A BUTTON** increases/decreases the bet by $2.00, the **B BUTTON** increases/decreases by $10.00.

**HIT**: Positioning the HAND CURSOR on this button and pressing either the **A** or **B BUTTON** deals you another card.

**STAND:** Positioning the HAND CURSOR on this button and pressing either the **A** or **B Button** has the player **STAND**.

**SPLIT**: If the player's first cards have the same point value, (Natural Pairs only i.e. 2 KINGS, 2 Queens etc.) they may be split to form two separate hands with an additional amount equal to the bet. Each hand will be played and completed in turn. The player may draw cards on each split hand, with the exception of splitting Aces. Only one card will be dealt to each Ace. The player can split only once on any hand. If a Ten value card is dealt to either Ace, the hand is counted as a Blackjack.

**DOUBLE:** If the first two cards total 10 or 11 you can Double Down. Doubling Down requires an additional amount equal to the bet.

**GIVE UP:** Before the player Hits or Stands he/she can also choose "Give Up". If a player Gives Up he/she will only lose half the bet.

**INSURE:** If the Dealer's face up card is an Ace, he will announce "INSURANCE". The player can make an INSURANCE bet before any other player receives a third card. This requires placing a separate bet, of one-half the bet, in front of the bet. The INSURANCE bet is separate from the bet. If the Dealer has BLACKJACK, the player will be paid an amount equal to twice the INSURANCE bet. If the Dealer does not have BLACKJACK, the player will lose the INSURANCE bet.

**QUITTING TO THE MAIN MENU:** Press **START** and then **SELECT** to exit back to the MAIN MENU. Press **START** once again to return to game play.

**5 CARD CHARLIE:** Any player including the dealer drawing 5 cards without going over 21 points is called a "5 CARD CHARLIE. With a CHARLIE the player can beat any other hand except another CHARLIE. If the dealer also has a CHARLIE, the bet is a push and the player's bet is returned.

**CARD COUNTING:** Counting cards is against most gambling hall rules. It is a secret that many use to beat the odds and it is hard for the dealer to stop you. Try and see if it helps you to win more cash!

One of the most important things to know is when to quit. If you think that you will lose your hand don't be afraid to **Give Up**. You'll only lose half your bet and there will always be a next time.

Sometimes you may lose again and again, and suddenly get a "feeling" to go for the BIG BET. If it feels right do it! You may be surprised how often your feelings are right.

We hope you enjoy BLACKJACK and try American Video Entertainment's other great video games. If you can't find them in your local store you may order direct. See the back pages of this booklet for details.



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